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Georgetown, Guyana

January 12, 1978

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Dear [redacted]

I refer to my letter to you of October 17, 1977, concerning Mrs. Vera M. Talley. You had written in behalf of [redacted]

I had personal contact with Mrs. Talley on January 11, 1978 at the People's Temple Agricultural Community. Mrs. Talley appeared well and in good spirits. At this time I also presented to her, her monthly Social Security check. Mrs. Talley indicated to me that she arranged to have her check cashed by members of the organization and then was free to donate to the People's Temple whatever amount she desired. She told me how much she enjoyed walking around the community and participating in the various senior citizen activities.

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I did not receive the impression that Mrs. Talley believes she is being held against her will. Her replies to my questions, while somewhat vague, (I believe this is due to her advanced age) appeared genuine. Therefore, I can only conclude that she is content at Jonestown.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Mc Coy
American Consul

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